

including the opinion of the Minister of Justice given in December 1913 by which it was explicitly stated that the Agreement ignored aboriginal title.

14. By lettergram of April last and letter of June last both sent to the Minister of Interior the Chairman of Executive Committee of Allied Tribes showed that the Allied Tribes are unwilling to accept any settlement made up under the McKenna-McBride Agreement. By same two communications the Chairman demanded that no Order-in-Council adopting Report of Royal Commission be passed until lands to be reserved, general rights, and all other issues should have been discussed and dealt with between the Allied Tribes and the two Governments.

15. Upon occasion of interview had with the Minister of Interior at Vancouver on 27th July last the Executive Committee of Allied Tribes, with unanimous support of about two hundred other representative Indians coming from many parts of the Province, presented to the Minister paper stating that the allied Tribes strongly and unanimously approve the Chairman's lettergram and letter above mentioned and the plan for full discussion between the allied Tribes and the two Governments which was proposed by their General Counsel at Ottawa in May 1922.

16. Subsequently on same day the Minister in course of his address undertook that steps would be taken for bringing about if possible on early day full discussion between the allied Tribes and the two Governments. In course of same address the Minister gave assurance that if the Government of British Columbia should refuse to take part in such discussion further steps would be taken for bringing about a change on part of the Province. Also in course of same address the Minister conceded that if a change should not thus be brought about the allied Tribes would have a right to secure

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